



News Advisory

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Chilling Effects of Domestic Violence Outlined in New Report

WHAT: The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) Violence and Injury Prevention Program will hold a press conference to release new data on domestic violence and intimate partner-related homicides and suicides in Utah.

WHY: Domestic and intimate partner violence continue to devastate Utah families. One domestic violence-related homicide occurs each month in Utah. One-third of the domestic violence perpetrators in these cases committed suicide after committing the homicide. In addition, dozens of children witness the crimes, with the majority under six years old.

WHO: Speakers include:

- Ned Searle, Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Anna Fondario, UDOH Violence and Injury Prevention Program
- Aaron Leavitt, Salt Lake City Police Department
- Natalie Williams, domestic violence survivor

** Speakers will be available for interviews after the news conference*

WHEN: Tuesday, October 26, 2010
1:30 p.m.

Members of the Utah Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee will be available for interviews during the press conference.

WHERE: Utah Department of Health, Cannon Building
288 North 1460 West
Room 128
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

NOTE: *Media packets will be available at the press conference and will include a copy of the Domestic Violence Fatalities in Utah report.*

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